

GREED AND GRAFT IN BOXING; GAME IN NEW YORK IS TOTTERING

Haggling of Fighters and Promoters Over Purses, the Crookedness of Legislators and Recent Actions of Commissions Have Disgusted Fight Fans, Who Want to See Some New Faces, Anyway.

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, June 10.—The nature of boxing is tottering. It requires but a few more shoves to be sent into obliquity. And all because of the greed and graft of the promoters, the crookedness of the legislators and the actions of the commissions.

Interest in the game is waning; there can be no doubt of that, the dear public is no longer clamoring for certain matches. It permits the promoter to arrange the bouts, and if any one cares to witness it, he simply walks up to the box office, pays his money and walks in. But he has no guarantee that the bout is not pre-arranged or that the bout will be fought on its merits. He simply takes his chance.

Commercialism has crept into the game to such an extent that it is becoming detrimental to the existence of the sport of the ancients. If a good

match—one that may furnish some interesting battles—is in sight, the principles haggling over weight conditions and the bulk of the purse until the public is weary and loses all interest in such a meeting. Frank Dillon is a notable example.

Then again, there is a great demand for new faces. The old boys are fast losing their grip on fight adherents, and new material is slow in developing.

For a time it seemed that Ever Hammer, who has been termed the "Island Tiger," would grow into a great drawing card after his defeat of Freddie Welsh. If Hammer had been content to rest on his laurels gained in this bout, he would have been in a position to demand big money on the Atlantic seaboard. Reports of his clash with Welsh gave the impression that Hammer was the logical successor to Welsh's throne.

But a week or so later Hammer went out and spoiled all his chances of ever becoming an attraction in the east. They induced a virtual novice, Bitter Root Kid by name, to fight Hammer, and the latter required all of seven rounds to defeat the Kid in all that period. Hammer could not drop his uneducated foe. It was a "set up" pure and simple, and even then Hammer failed to impress. All of which gives a fair line of Freddie Welsh's ability at this advanced stage in his ring career.

Another recent incident distasteful to supporters of boxing was the action of the Wisconsin boxing commission in suspending Freddie Welsh, and the refusal of the New York State Athletic commission to enforce the suspension in this state after it had practically been agreed between the two bodies to work on a mutual basis. It is not being to the advantage of the local solons, they have steadfastly refused to uphold the Wisconsin ruling, although, if requested, a New York ruling would hold good in Wisconsin.

Naturally, relations have been severed, and a fighter who disappoints the public can suffer only in one section at one time, whereas if all commissions recognized suspensions as mutual, the offender would be cured after being sentenced to lay off work for about three or four months.

If the game is to thrive, the various commissions must get together, and establish uniform rules. And, all must pull in the same direction, for nothing will disorganize any body of lawmakers as readily as dissension.

Michael Gibbons is puffed at Gotham boxing circles for his criticism of the "Kid" Lewis. His poor showing against Ted-Kit Lewis seven weeks ago, He even threatens never to fight here again. Good!

Gibbons has inflicted himself on the New York public long enough. Ever since attaining the front rank in pugilism, Mike has done nothing but disappoint Manhattan fight goers. Before gaining prominence Michael fought like a champion here. But since then he has been a failure, and far as his ring performances in New York are concerned.

Recall his affair with Eddie McGourty at the Garden? Mike did not land three good blows all through the ten rounds. Then came his disappointing showing with Soldier Barfield, a welterweight. Last year, he permitted Mackey McFarland to go ten slow rounds with him. Recently he showed absolutely nothing worth while against Lewis, who fairly rushed Gibbons off his feet in the closing round, although Mike outweighed him nearly ten pounds.

Here are four poor fights Gibbons has put up here, yet he resents criticism. New York is ever ready to give a man his due, if his endeavors warrant it. Mike will have to make good once more in and around New York before Manhattanites will think kindly of him.

REPORTED THAT COUNTRY CLUB TO BE BUILT NORTH OF OLD SITE

It is reported that the new site of the El Paso Country Club will be on an 80-acre block of land offered by the directors by C. W. Newman and located a half mile north of the site of the old club. If the recommendation of majority of the site committee is approved by the club membership.

This committee had a meeting on Friday evening and considered the various propositions. Nothing definite has yet been announced regarding the decision reached but it is generally reported that the Newman site met with the approval of a majority of the committee.

Two other sites found much favor with some members of the committee. One was 168 acres about eight miles up the valley, offered by Z. T. White, and the other a 150-acre block near the five-mile bridge, offered by C. N. Barnett and others.

Country Club Members.

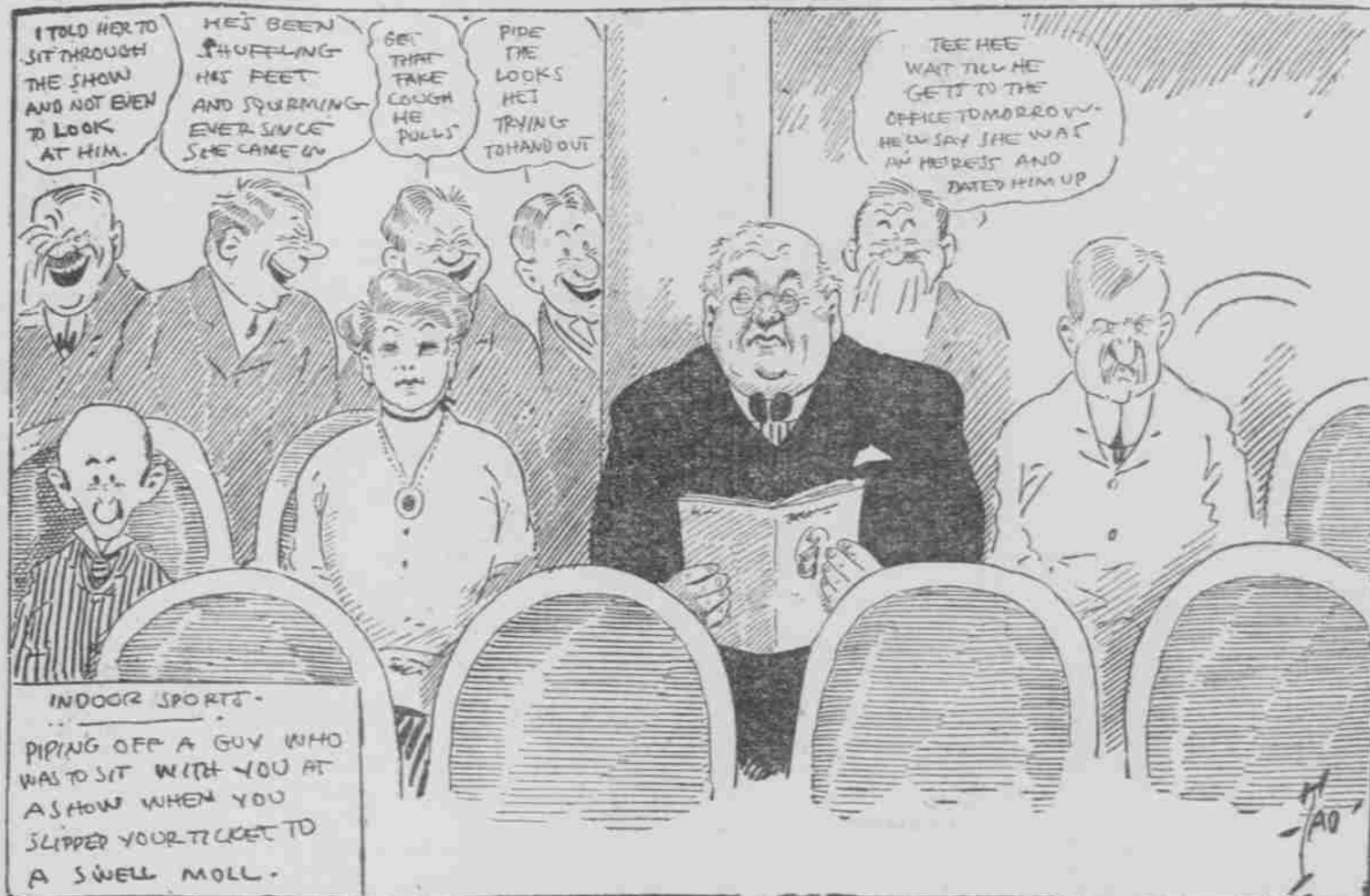
Mr. W. L. Tooley has extended an invitation to the members of the El Paso Country Club to a dance and reception to be given them at his country home, eight miles up the valley, Saturday night June 10.

Dancing will begin about 8:20. (Advertisement.)

The California out of El Paso at 6:15 a. m. carries equipment and dining car.—Advertisement.

INDOOR SPORTS

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BASEBALL RESULTS

FRIDAY'S GAMES.

League Standings.

American League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Cleveland	22	13	.625
Washington	22	13	.625
New York	21	14	.603
Boston	21	14	.603
Detroit	20	15	.571
Chicago	19	16	.547
St. Louis	18	17	.514
Philadelphia	15	20	.430

National League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	24	12	.667
Philadelphia	23	13	.643
Pittsburgh	22	14	.611
Chicago	21	15	.583
St. Louis	20	16	.556
Boston	19	17	.529

Texas League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Waco	22	13	.625
Fort Worth	21	14	.603
Shreveport	20	15	.571
Galveston	19	16	.547
Houston	18	17	.514
Dallas	17	18	.486
San Antonio	16	19	.457
Beaumont	15	20	.430

Western League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Lincoln	22	13	.625
Omaha	21	14	.603
Wichita	20	15	.571
Topeka	19	16	.547
St. Joseph	18	17	.514
Denver	17	18	.486

Pacific Coast League.	W.	L.	Pct.
Vernon	22	13	.625
Los Angeles	21	14	.603
San Francisco	20	15	.571
San Diego	19	16	.547
Oakland	18	17	.514
Portland	17	18	.486

American Association.	W.	L.	Pct.
Indianapolis	22	13	.625
Louisville	21	14	.603
Minneapolis	20	15	.571
Kansas City	19	16	.547
Columbus	18	17	.514
Toledo	17	18	.486
St. Paul	16	19	.457
Milwaukee	15	20	.430

Southern Association.	W.	L.	Pct.
New Orleans	22	13	.625
Nashville	21	14	.603
Atlanta	20	15	.571
Chattanooga	19	16	.547
Little Rock	18	17	.514
Hirmingham	17	18	.486
Memphis	16	19	.457
Mobile	15	20	.430

American League.	W.	L.	Pct.
At Cleveland.	919	684	268
Washington	867	689	110
Batteries: Washington, Johnson and Anderson; Cleveland, Mitchell, Morton, Kieffer and O'Neil.			

At Detroit.	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	891	629	101
Detroit	819	685	82
Batteries: Boston, Carr, Gange and Cronin; Detroit, Dube, Boland, Coveleski and Baker, Starnes.			

At St. Louis.	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	898	685	113
St. Louis	888	681	68
Batteries: New York, Moormeier, Shawley and Nunnemaker; St. Louis, Darnport, Wellman and Chapman.			

Games Postponed.	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia at Chicago, rain.			
National League.	W.	L.	Pct.
All games postponed: rain or wet grounds.			

Texas League.	W.	L.	Pct.
At Dallas.	4	2	66
Dallas	4	2	66
Houston	3	1	75
Batteries: Dallas, Jenkins and Smith; Houston, Tillman and Jenkins.			

At Shreveport.	W.	L.	Pct.
Shreveport	19	2	90
Batteries: Shreveport, Perry and Smith; San Antonio, Grant and Hurch.			

At Ft. Worth.	W.	L.	Pct.
Ft. Worth	18	1	94
Galveston	1	3	25
Batteries: Ft. Worth, Redford and Hints; Galveston, Farfoot and Noyes.			

At Waco.	W.	L.	Pct.
Waco	2	2	50
Beaumont	2	2	50
Batteries: Waco, Hill and Reilly; Beaumont, Napier and Andrew.			

Nature's Breakfast Food Ripe

Cantaloupes Plus Little Cracked Ice, Salt and Pepper Make Breakfast Table Gay; Watermelons Getting Better and Cheaper.

CANTALOUPE is the delicacy that is making the big name now. To tempt the appetite. The prices range from 5 to 15 cents.

Watermelons are much better this week in quality, the price remaining at 15 cents a pound. "Watermelons," the old darker ones, are running the cantaloupes a close second in popularity favor. The one of the standard advertised articles, they "get their favor on their flavor."

The prevailing prices for the week are as follows:

Fruits.	Price
Loganberries	10 cents a basket
Raspberries	10 cents a basket
Strawberries	10 cents a basket
Blackberries	10 cents a basket
Cherries	10 cents a basket
Plums	10 cents a basket
Apples	10 cents a basket
Oranges	10 cents a basket
Lemons	10 cents a basket
Watermelons	15 cents a basket
Cantaloupes	15 cents a basket
Peaches	10 cents a basket
Pears	10 cents a basket
Quinces	10 cents a basket
Guavas	10 cents a basket
Jackfruits	10 cents a basket
Coconuts	10 cents a basket
Walnuts	10 cents a basket
Almonds	10 cents a basket
Pistachios	10 cents a basket
Chestnuts	10 cents a basket
Macadamia	10 cents a basket
Pineapples	10 cents a basket
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Valley Vegetables.	Price
Squash	10 cents a basket
Cucumbers	10 cents a basket
Onions	10 cents a basket
Carrots	10 cents a basket
Peas	10 cents a basket
Beans	10 cents a basket
Tomatoes	10 cents a basket
Spinach	10 cents a basket
Kale	10 cents a basket
Brussels sprouts	10 cents a basket
Broccoli	10 cents a basket
Cauliflower	10 cents a basket
Turnips	10 cents a basket
Radishes	10 cents a basket
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